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academy, where good work on a very general scale may and ought to be done ; the college, where genuine investigation ought to be cultivated ; and the seminary, where such work as that which is called for in this syllabus ought never to be needed—alas ! that it should be so greatly needed.

After a general treatment of Biblical Geography, Literature (from p. 21, § 9, one gains the impression, which the author of course never intended, that there is a vital relation between the facts that the Bible has 66 books, Isaiah, 66 chapters ; the O. T. has 39 books, the N. T. 27 ; the first section of Isaiah, 39 chapters ; the second section, 27), chronological divisions, of which twelve are given, the syllabus proper begins.

Each section takes up a specific amount of Biblical material, e. g., § 14, the the Creation—Gen. 1-2 : 3 ; § 19, the Deluge, 7-8 : 14 (should this not be 6-8 : 14), and includes (1) a statement of the more important topics with suggestions of treatment, and (2) references to the more accessible literature relating to these topics.

At the close of the book there is given a list of works which may be consulted in a more comprehensive study. The book is interleaved to permit the student to write down new facts and references which he may meet in his study.

The publication of this help is very timely. No conservative scholar dares to-day to write an Old Testament History. The church and the schools are not yet ready for it. Such non-committal presentations as this (non-committal even as to chronology) are all that it is wise to furnish the rank and file. Our ministers and teachers must be led to an appreciation of the *facts*. This manual is admirably adapted to do a genuine service to the cause.

The Pulpit Commentary : Galatians and Ephesians.

The Pulpit Commentary, Galatians. Exposition by the Rev. Prebendary E. Huxtable, Homiletics by Rev. Prof. T. Croskery and others. *Ephesians.* Exposition and Homiletics by Rev. Professor W. G. Blaikie, D. D. New York : A. D. F. Randolph and Co. Pp. *l.*, 345 ; *ix.*, 298. 1 vol. Price \$2.00.

One of the best introductions to any of the pulpit commentaries is furnished by Prebendary Huxtable to his notes on Galatians. In fifty pages he considers in much detail the questions connected with Galatia and the religion of the Galatians, the Jews in Galatia, the churches of Galatia, what led to the writing of the Epistle, its effect, date, object and contents. Two ample dissertations discuss the import of the term "apostle" in the New Testament and the circumstances which at this time led Paul distinctly and publicly to announce to the Church his properly apostolic commission. The notes are equally full and satisfactory. The scholarship displayed in them is of a very high order, and while they present no novelties of view, their independence of judgment, shown in ample presentation of the grounds for conclusions, is manifest.

The treatment of Ephesians by Dr. Blaikie is not so good from the point of view of historical study. There is opportunity for a fine historical exposition of this Epistle, but in this volume almost no attempt is made in this direction. The notes are clear, sensible and devout, without any special show of strength in scholarship or originality of conception. The homiletic work which Dr. Blaikie has done is the best part of his contribution to the Epistle. But he has not materially added to his reputation by anything which this volume contains.